India for the year ending March, 2002 is Rs. 16724 crore.

Change in Prices of Foodgrains

†2674. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have increased and decreased the prices of foodgrains being sold through the Public Distribution System from March, 1998 to March, 2002;

(b) if so, the instances when prices were increased and decreased alongwith increase and decrease thereof, separately; and

(c) the reasons for increasing and decreasing the prices time and again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The revision in the Central Issue Prices (CIPs) of wheat and rice and the reasons for increase/ decrease are given below:

CIP of wheat
(Rs. per quintal)

Date	BPL		APL		Reason
	From	To	From	To	
1	2	3	4	5	6
28.1.99	250	350	450	650	Due to increase in the Minimum Support Price.
29.1.99	350	250	650	650	On the demand of State Governments, the increase in the BPL price was rolled back.
1.4.99	250	250	650	682	To reduce the subsidy.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

1	2	3	4	5	6
1.4.2000	250	450	682	900	To reduce subsidy, price of APL wheat was fixed at 100% of economic cost and for BPL families at 50% of the economic cost.
25.7.2000	450	415	900	830	On the recommendation of Expenditure Reforms Commission.
12.7.2001	415	415	830	610	To increase offtake and to liquidate surplus stocks from the Central Pool.
1.4.2002	415	415	610	510	To increase offtake and to liquidate stocks from the Central Pool.

CIP of rice

Date	BPL		APL		Reasons
	From	To	From	To	
28.1.99	350	450	700	905	Due to increase in the Minimum Support Price.
29.1.99	450	350	905	905	On the demands of State Governments, the increase in the BPL price was rolled back.
1.4.99	350	590	950	1180	To reduce subsidy, price of APL wheat was fixed at 100% of economic cost and for BPL families at 50% of the economic cost.
25.7.2000	590	565	1180	1130	On the recommendation of Expenditure Reforms Commission.
12.7.2001	565	565	1130	830	To increase offtake and to liquidate surplus stocks.
1.4.2002	565	565	830	730	To liquidate surplus stocks from the Central Pool.

During the year 1998, no revision in the CIPs was effected